

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 020431.1056

In re Application of:

RANJIT NOTANI, ET AL.

Serial No. **09/971,718**

Filed: 4 OCTOBER 2001

For: **FACILITATING THE NEGOTIATION
OF STANDARDS FOR INTER-
ENTERPRISE COLLABORATION
BETWEEN TRADING PARTNERS**

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Examiner:

**JAMIE H. SWARTZ**

Art Unit: **3694**

Confirmation No.: **3043**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated 31 December 2007, which provides for a shortened statutory response period ending 31 March 2008. The Applicants are submitting this Amendment within two (2) months of the date of the Final Office Action. Please consider the following remarks.